

# TEUTON TROOPS IN RETREAT

## SOISSONS IN COILS OF ALLIES

American Troops One and Half  
Mile From Center of City;  
German Reserves Fail  
to Stop Drive.

By Associated Press.  
Out of the news filtering through the clouds of battle hanging over the ensanguined field between the Marne and Soissons there have come two significant reports during the past day. The allies are thundering at the gates of Soissons and the Germans are retreating across the Marne between Fossey and Oeuilly.

German reserves, rushed up to the western side of the Soissons-Chateau Thierry-Rheims salient, have slowed down the progress made by the French and Americans, but apparently have been unable to do more than check it here and there along the front. The advance made by the allies in the first hours of the great counter stroke has not been maintained, but it is evident that hardly anywhere has the allied thrust been stopped.

At Outskirts of Soissons.  
Reports from the front of battle indicate that the French and Americans have reached the edge of the plateau to the southwest of Soissons and only a scant mile and a half from the center of the city. Southward along the line, the allies have almost reached the Soissons-Chateau Thierry road, a thoroughfare of great strategic importance, while further down toward the Marne they are steadily forging ahead, in spite of determined resistance.

French on Heel of Hun.  
The report of a German retreat across the Marne comes as confirmation of the success of the allied drive far to the north. German forces south of the stream must be extricated quickly if the German army is to escape from the encircling movement carried out by the French and Americans. French official reports state that the Germans are being driven back south of the Marne, but it is probable that the German retreat is a hurried retreat ordered by the German high command. It appears likely that the French are merely maintaining steady pressure against the enemy and hurrying his retreat as much as possible.

From the Marne towards Rheims the French and Italians have advanced their lines. Three days ago they were being forced back by the Germans and their present forward movement may indicate that the foe is also retreating from this field as rapidly as possible.

Battle Front Extended.  
The fire of battle is spreading slowly down the line towards Chateau Thierry. The Germans have been reported as removing their heavy guns preparatory to retreating should the allied drive toward Soissons go on. Military experts say that if the allied wedge south of Soissons goes much further it will force a German retreat at least as far as the Vesle river.

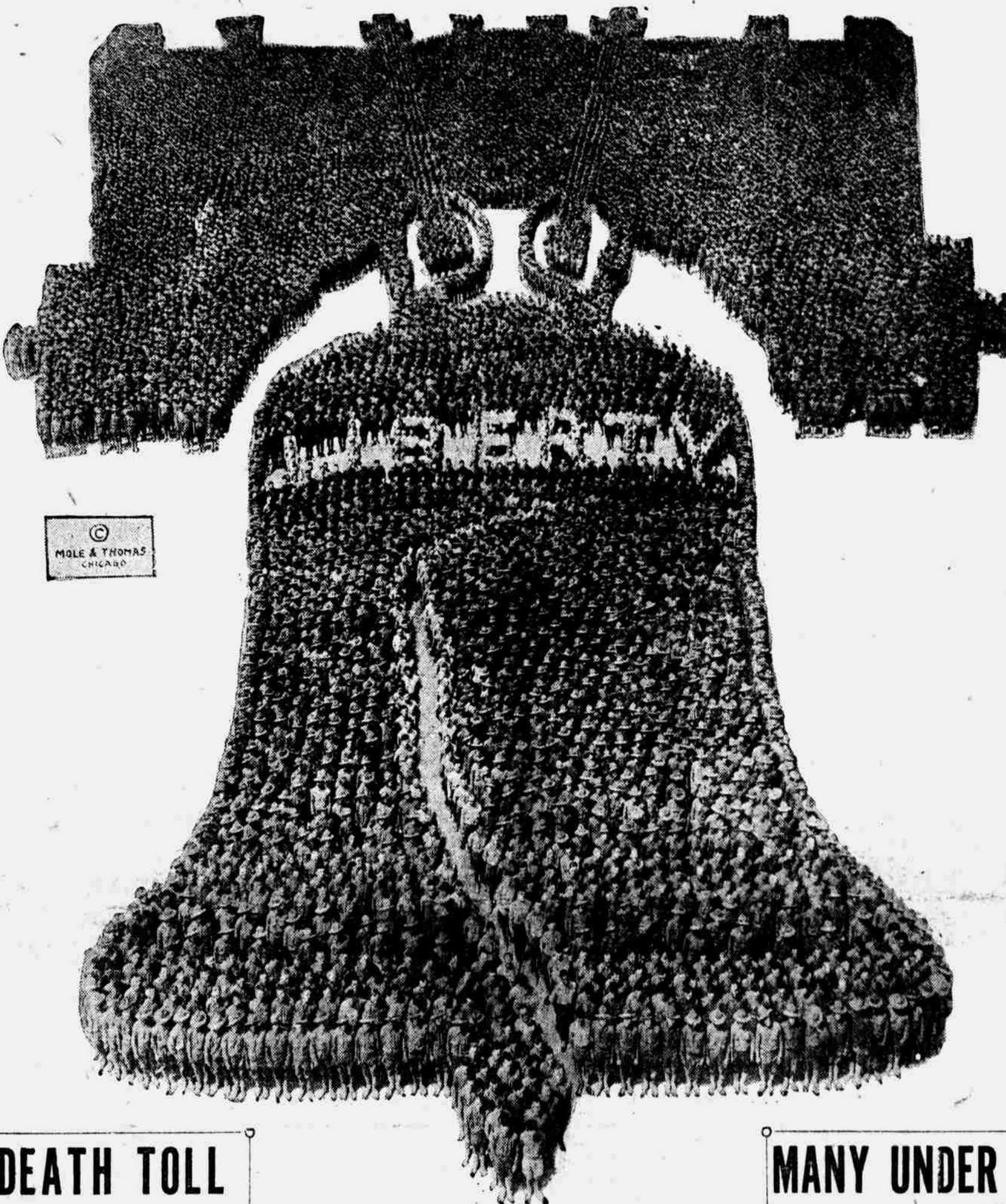
German Objectives  
Attained, Declares  
Berlin Statement

Amsterdam, July 20.—A semi-official statement received here from Berlin says the German supreme army command had several aims in its attack on the southern bank of the Marne, the crossing of which river, it asserts, was unobserved by the entente allies. The statement goes so far as to claim that the German objectives have been fully attained. The first aim of the Marne crossing, the semi-official statement says, were to broaden the base of attack for a German blow on both sides of Rheims, and to attack and to hold strong enemy forces. Furthermore the attack on the southern bank of the Marne which was menacing for the entente, the statement adds, finally unloosed the long expected French counter offensive. This miscarried because a break through has been prevented.

"The task of the German troops fighting on the southern bank of the Marne was thereby entirely fulfilled and the further holding of the lines there was unnecessary. The German command could now withdraw the troops to the northern bank for fresh important tasks," the message adds.

Two Claim Being Held  
Illegally in Detention Home  
On ground that she is being illegally confined in the city detention home and without her consent, Lena Heaton, through her attorney, has filed an application for a writ of habeas corpus.  
Mrs. Carmen Lynne, through her attorney, John M. McFarland, has also applied for a writ of habeas corpus directing Dr. Ernest Manning to produce her in court. She says that she, too, is being illegally held.

Human Liberty Bell—Photo taken at Camp Dix, New Jersey, by Mole & Thomas, who took the Human Flag photo at Great Lakes Naval station. About a month ago 25,000 men at the camp were assembled and formed a living embodiment of America's famed Liberty Bell. The width of the bell at the bottom of the picture is 64 feet, while the length of the beam is 368 feet.



## DEATH TOLL OF SAN DIEGO WILL REACH 72

1,183 of 1,255 Men Aboard  
Land; Several Mines Picked  
Up in Vicinity of  
Disaster.

By Associated Press.  
Washington, July 20.—The loss of life in the sinking off Fire Island, N. Y., yesterday of the U. S. armored cruiser San Diego and the cause of the ship's destruction still were undetermined tonight as the Navy department. Announcement was made that 1,183 men from the ship had been landed. Unofficial reports said there were 1,255 men aboard and if they are correct, the loss of life would not exceed 72. The names of three of those missing were announced today. Rear Admiral Palmer, acting secretary of the navy, tonight made public detailed account of the destruction and rescue, but it added nothing to previous reports from Captain H. H. Christy and other survivors as to the cause of the sinking.

Belief that the San Diego was a victim of a mine grew among naval officials after the commander of the American patrol boats operating off Fire Island reported his craft picked up several mines of foreign design. Among the survivors, opinion seemed to be equally divided as to whether a submarine or a mine was responsible for the loss of the cruiser (Continued on Page Two, Column Six.)

Omahans Will Attend Annual  
Master Butchers' Convention  
Five members of the Omaha Retail Butchers association were elected as delegates to the annual convention of the United Master Butchers of America, which will be held August 2 to 9 at St. Louis. They are: V. F. Kuncel, J. Reznicek, Axel Mayer, H. Naegele and J. S. Cameron.  
A big program will feature the convention this year. Reports of the greatest importance to the meat-handling industry of the country will be made by the several committees in charge of various details. The headquarters for the convention will be at the Hotel Jefferson.

## MAJOR THEODORE ROOSEVELT, JR., SUFFERS WOUND

Former President's Eldest Son  
In Paris Hospital; Quentin's  
Death Confirmed by  
Enemy Aviators.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 20.—Major Theodore Roosevelt, jr., has been slightly wounded and taken to a hospital in Paris, according to a cable message received tonight by his father, Col. Theodore Roosevelt, from his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, jr.  
Major Roosevelt is the eldest son of Colonel and Mrs. Roosevelt. The cablegram was sent from Paris where Mrs. Roosevelt is in a Red Cross hospital. It read:  
"Ted wounded. Not seriously. He is with me. Not any danger. No cause for anxiety."  
Major Roosevelt was cited for gallantry after having been gassed about three weeks ago.

The news of Major Roosevelt's having been wounded followed immediately the report from Paris that German aviators had dropped a note behind the allied lines confirming fears of the death of Lt. Quentin Roosevelt in an aerial engagement.  
Capt. Archie Roosevelt is recovering from wounds. Kermit, a fourth son, who served as a captain in the British army in Mesopotamia, recently was appointed a captain in the United States army and is now reported on his way to France. He was decorated by the British with the military cross for gallantry.

Lieutenant Convalescing.  
Lt. M. B. Phipps, who is in Omaha assigned to special work in the Omaha Quartermaster corps, is recuperating from a severe attack of tonsillitis and other throat diseases for which he has been confined at the Fort Omaha hospital.  
Lt. E. D. Sherwood of Washington is in Omaha for an indefinite period assisting four other officers in special work in the quartermaster corps.

## JIMS KICK JACKS DOWNSTAIRS TO INSURE HARMONY

Mullen Urges All Politics Stand  
Adjourned Except Democrat-  
ic and Mass Meeting  
Idea Prevails.

Whatever agreement, if any, the "Jims" may have made with the "Jacks" to split the representation of Douglas county in the democratic state convention at Hastings on a 50-50 basis, it is now a mere "scrap of paper," torn into smithereens by the action of the democratic county committee.  
The "Jims" had their steam roller out in smooth working action right from the start, and they used it with utter abandon.  
It all came about when former Mayor Dahlman, in a motion, proposed instead of the old ward caucuses, to choose the 165 delegates for Douglas county at a mass convention at the Swedish auditorium at 8 o'clock next Saturday night.

Elimination of "Jacks."  
The motion was adopted without a dissenting vote and the result, which will be the elimination of the "Jacks" as a political unit at the convention unless the "Jims" take pity on them, is a foregone conclusion.  
Arthur Mullen, who happened to be present, presumably as a casual visitor, made a speech in which he commended the county committee-men present on the wisdom of their action. He said this was a time when there should be no factional differences amongst democrats and he was satisfied none existed, except in the minds of some self-seeking persons.  
Mr. Mullen declared the president wanted a democratic senate and congress to uphold him and if members of the opposition party were elected it would demoralize the morale of the United States army overseas and help the enemy, because it would be a repudiation of the president.

Power in Douglas County.  
"It would be better," said he, "if we did not have this election. They (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

## MANY UNDER WIRE TO RUN FOR OFFICE

T. A. Hollister Makes Eleventh  
Hour Filing for Sheriff,  
Backed by Smith-  
Howell Machine.

Filings for the county primary to be held August 20 arrived with rush at the election commissioner's office yesterday afternoon indicating that there will be several hard-fought contests.

Not many dark horses were brought out, although the eleventh-hour entrants made the filing office remind one of a rush at a land opening.  
One of the features is the filing of T. A. Hollister for the republican nomination for sheriff. Mr. Hollister filed at 7 p. m., after it was generally believed that Sheriff Clark would have a clear field for the nomination. Up to Friday night Mr. Hollister intended to file for county attorney, but announced his withdrawal. He was promised a deputyship if Boucher should land the job of county attorney.

Steere Backs Out.  
The Bob-Smith-R. B. Howell-N. P. Dodge machine had imported Asa Steere, deputy clerk of the district court, to make the race for sheriff as against Clark, promising support of the machine. Mr. Steere, however, believed that a certainty is better than an uncertainty, and he declined to become a part of this combination. Hollister was brought in. (Continued on Page Four, Column One.)

## Iowa and Nebraska Must Furnish 275 Men on New Call

Washington, July 20.—A call was issued today by the provost marshal general for 10,000 white regiments in 33 states and the district of Columbia, qualified for limited military service. They will entertain between July 29 and August 2, for the Syracuse recruiting camp at Syracuse, N. Y. Some of the quotas are: Iowa, 200; Nebraska, 75; North Dakota, 50; South Dakota, 50.

## POILUS IN VIOLENT ATTACK FORCE FOE TO RE-CROSS MARNE

Whole South Bank Now Held by French; Americans Con-  
tinue to Progress in Face of Stubborn Resistance;  
More Than 20,000 Prisoners and 400  
Guns Captured Since July 18

BULLETIN.  
London, July 20.—"No Germans remain south of the Marne except prisoners and dead."  
This message is sent by the Reuter correspondent at French headquarters and is timed Saturday evening.

By Associated Press.  
Paris, July 20.—"The Germans, violently attacked on their right flank and south of the Marne," says the war office announcement tonight, "have been compelled to retreat and re-cross the river."  
"The French hold the entire southern bank of the Marne. More than 20,000 prisoners and more than 400 guns have been captured."

## U.S. GUNS NOW REACH GERMAN SUPPLY LINES

Advance Brings the Americans  
Within Artillery Distance of  
Railroad Junction; Crown  
Prince's Army in Sack.

By Associated Press.  
With the American Army on the Aisne-Marne front, July 20.—The advance along the Soissons-Chateau Thierry road has brought the allies within artillery distance of the junction of the railroad serving the Germans as a line of communication. The junction already is under fire and unless the desperate attempt which the Germans are making to hold is successful, thousands of the crown prince's men may be cut off and forced to retreat. The fighting is comparatively light east of Chateau Thierry, except at the river, where the most stubborn resistance of the Germans was unable to check the allies, who, at one point, moved forward half a mile.

Germans Forced Into Open.  
Information from beyond Chateau Thierry indicates the beginning of a movement by the Germans that may develop into an effort by the crown prince to extricate his army.  
The character of the fighting has been radically altered, and the Germans have been forced into the open. The trenches run in such a manner as to leave none to which they can fall back, forcing them to depend upon those they hastily construct. There has been a marked decrease in German aerial activity and the big guns are less active. The greater part of the German airplanes appear to be used in patrolling their own lines.

The French and Americans squeezed the sack in which the Germans appear to be caught somewhat tighter Saturday. At midday they had made an average gain of more than a mile along the Chateau-Thierry-Soissons highway while another gain of a similar distance had been made south of the Marne and east of Chateau Thierry.

Two Units Take 5,150 Prisoners.  
The Germans this morning increased their artillery fire to a degree greater than any attained since Thursday.  
One American unit since Thursday has taken 2,889 prisoners, including 91 officers, while another American unit on the northern front has captured 2,261, including 32 officers.  
Among the prisoners were a colonel and two majors, in one group. The firing on both sides increased after daylight, but the allied guns were much more effective as reports from the aviators and observation balloons on the enemy positions came in. There were numerous bombing raids by the airmen this morning.

Thrust in Alsace.  
The northern half of the Soissons-Chateau Thierry line is now beyond Verzy, to the east, and there have been bitter struggles in this territory, the allies' big guns command the bridges southeast of Soissons.

With the American Army in Alsace, July 20.—A raid undertaken by the Americans last night southeast of Munster resulted in a penetration of the German lines for a distance of from 500 to 600 meters and the capture of five prisoners.  
The raid was preceded by effective artillery preparation which lasted 45 minutes. The enemy suffered heavy casualties.

American Crew Lande! Safely.  
Washington, July 20.—Safe arrival at an Atlantic port of the steamship San Jacinto, bearing the entire crew of the American steamer Oostereijk, which was sunk in a collision with the San Jacinto on July 10, about 800 miles from the American coast, was announced today by the navy department.

The statement reads:  
"We have not had long to wait for the result of our victorious counter offensive. The Germans, violently attacked on their right flank and south of the Marne, have been compelled to retreat and re-cross the river."  
"We hold the whole south bank of the Marne."

Americans Drive Back Enemy.  
"Between the Aisne and the Marne Franco-American troops continue to progress and have driven back the enemy, who is resisting stubbornly."  
"We have reached Ploisy and Parcy-Tigny and have passed beyond Stremy-Blanzay and Rozet-St. Albin."  
"Further south we hold the general line of the Priez plateau, northeast of Courchamps."

"The number of prisoners taken since July 18 exceeds 20,000. Over 400 guns have been captured."  
Aviators Hamper Retreat.  
"Our aviators, redoubling their activities, in the day and night of the 19th, multiplied their raids and engaged in the severest battles against enemy forces. Franco-British bombing squadrons, taking the Marne crossings as their principal objectives, have ceaselessly hampered, at certain points completely stopped, the enemy supply service, thus playing an important role in the conflict which was about to provoke the retreat of the German troops."

"Attacking with machine guns and bombs concentrations of troops which the enemy was preparing for counter attacks, and his enemy columns convoys, our aviators inflicted heavy losses."  
"Between the Marne and Rheims violent combats continue. Franco-British troops, attacking vigorously, encountered large forces. Notwithstanding the enemy's desperate resistance, we gained ground in Courtin wood, the Ardre valley and in the direction of St. Euphrasie."

Bomb Troop Assembles.  
"On the Marne and also at Oulchy-le-Chateau, Fere-en-Tardenois, Fismes and Bazoches and over the whole rear of the battle field, 24 tons of projectiles were dropped during the day and 28 tons at night on enemy assemblages of troops and communications."

"A violent conflagration broke out at Vouziers, and several fires were started at Fere-en-Tardenois and the station at Fismes. South of this region explosions were observed at the station at Laon. Simultaneously our infantry airplanes indicated an advance of our troops and tanks between the Aisne and the Marne and reported the arrival of enemy reserves, and by machine gunning the latter directly participated in the battle."  
"Numerous combats were engaged in by our crews in combination with the British airmen and achieved good results."

"Twenty-six German airplanes were brought down or disabled and four captive balloons were set afire. Everywhere the German aviation service was able to appreciate the dash and superiority of the allied airmen."

Berlin Admits Retreat.  
Berlin, via London, July 20.—While admitting certain gains by the British and also the French, the latter in the Aisne-Marne battle, German headquarters today declared that the enemy thrusts southwest of Soissons, in the center of the line, and northwest of Chateau Thierry were repulsed.

The German war office adds the German troops were withdrawn from the south bank of the Marne river "without being noticed by the enemy."  
British Take Rossignol Wood.  
London, July 20.—The Germans, under heavy pressure, have been forced to withdraw from Rossignol wood, between Hetbume and Bucquoy, and this strategically important position is now in the hands of the British.

This announcement was made tonight in the official announcement from the war office.  
Stabel Taken by Italians  
Rome, July 20.—Italian troops have wrested from the Austrians Monte Stabel and have completely recaptured Corno Di Cavento, in the Adige region of the mountain front, according to the official statement issued from general headquarters today.